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Morocco strongly supports the United Arab Emirates' bid to host the headquarters of the new International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and will lobby other countries to support that outcome, Rime Jirari, head of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) told EconOff on June 12. Commenting that that no Arab country currently hosts an international organization, Jirari welcomed USG support for the UAE bid. Morocco had not yet taken any decision regarding the candidates for IRENA Director General or deputy Director General, she said, adding that the French DG candidate has been campaigning very actively for several months. Jirari had no comments regarding the proposed mission of IRENA.

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